

**Avoyelles Parish Drinking Water Protection
Committee Meeting
October 16, 2003**

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Introductions/Explanation of program for new members.
3. Used Oil Recycling fact sheet – The distribution of the used oil recycling fact sheet was discussed. It was suggested that they be placed at the oil change part of the Wal-Mart store, and the Dollar Stores in Marksville, and at the fast oil change places such as Express Lube in Marksville. Other suggestions were the Auto Zone store in Bunkie, the Carquest store in Marksville and Simmesport, and Manuel Tire in Bunkie. It was suggested that oil filters be added to the fact sheet. It was suggested to emphasize the fact that used oil will be taken free of charge and also to advertise used oil recycling on the radio and newspaper.
4. Well Abandonment fact sheet – Ernest Freeman with the Cooperative Extension Service requested 2,000 copies. He would also like to use this information in his weekly column. Keith Mayeux requested about thirty copies to be handed out at the next Avoyelles Water Operators Group meeting.
5. Spaghetti!
6. Meeting recalled to order.
7. Above ground storage tank (AST) discussion – The AST handouts were reviewed, and specific requirements and who regulates ASTs was discussed. The committee then went over different ways of addressing ASTs in Avoyelles Parish such as notifying distributors of the requirements, writing them a letter from the Committee asking them to look at the different ASTs they distribute to, giving distributors and owners fact sheets, etc. A suggestion was made to concentrate on ASTs close to water wells first. Jerry Smith volunteered to talk to the local fire marshal and Robert Lemoine volunteered to talk to the State Fire Marshal and invite him or his representative to attend the next meeting. The Committee then specifically discussed ASTs that contain pesticides. Ernest Freeman said that the LSU Agriculture Center does pesticide use training statewide and that this training could be utilized to emphasize drinking water

- protection. DEQ or Ernest Freeman will contact Dr. Mary Gradner of the LSU Ag Center.
8. Irrigation well discussion – The maps/list of registered irrigation wells in Avoyelles Parish was presented. After discussion of what can be done to address irrigation wells, it was decided that DEQ put together a fact sheet of best management practices for distribution. Ernest Freeman discussed several ways to get this information out to irrigation well owners through several organizations such as Farm Bureau, Farmer's Coops, etc. It was brought up that maybe something in addition to fact sheets be done and Ernest Freeman said presentations could be made at certain meetings of programs run by the LSU Agriculture Center.
 9. Ordinance discussion – The content of the ordinance was briefly discussed. There was overall agreement that it was satisfactory, although there was some discussion as to the grandfather clause and enforcement. The committee agreed that any ordinance must be parish wide and passed by every municipality in concurrence with promulgation by the police jury. Ray Bordelon brought up that all the mayors should be brought on board with the idea first. After some further discussion, it was decided that Jerry Smith and Ray Bordelon will attend the next Avoyelles Parish Mayor's meeting to introduce the idea. Pending the response, the Committee and DEQ could talk to the mayors further. It was suggested that the same be done for the Police Jury and that the Avoyelles Parish Civil Defense Department also be involved.
 10. Ernest Freeman will contact the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service Central Louisiana Watershed Agents to see if they want to be on the Committee. He also suggested we advertise on Charter Communications' local network. He will also put a picture and small write-up in the local paper about the meeting.
 11. The Committee was asked to bring a list of the potential sources they visited, if they had not already done so.
 12. Date for next meeting was set at 6:30, November 18 in Mansura, with the exact location to be determined.

Minutes by:
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